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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Cheung, et al.

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For: Apparatus for Electro-
Chemical Deposition of
Copper Metallization With
the Capability of In-Situ
Thermal Annealing

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2002, having a thirty day response period set to expire on March 26, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect claims 1-11 and 18-20, with traverse, and request reconsideration of the pending restriction requirement for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$738.00 for three additional independent claims and twenty-seven total new claims to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/3421.C1/CPI/COPPER/BTP, along with any other fees to make this response timely.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: